

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete the multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

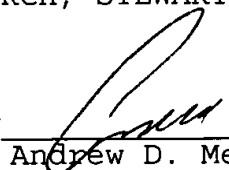
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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The claims have been amended as follows:

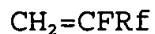
3. (Amended) The laminate according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said tetrafluoroethylene copolymer comprises 40 to 81 % by mole of tetrafluoroethylene and 60 to 19 % by mole of other monomer.

4. (Amended) The laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 3]claim 1, wherein said tetrafluoroethylene copolymer has a melt flow rate of 1.0 to 100 g/10 minutes.

5. (Amended) The laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 3]claim 1, wherein said tetrafluoroethylene copolymer has a melt flow rate of 1.0 to 50 g/10 minutes.

6. (Amended) The laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 5]claim 1, wherein said tetrafluoroethylene copolymer has a critical shear rate of 10 to 10^3 sec^{-1} at 230°C.

7. (Amended) The laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 6]claim 1, wherein said tetrafluoroethylene copolymer comprises tetrafluoroethylene, ethylene, a fluorovinyl compound of the formula (I):



(I)

wherein Rf is a fluoroalkyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms,

and hexafluoropropylene, in which a molar ratio of tetrafluoroethylene to ethylene is from 40:60 to 90:10, the content of said fluorovinyl compound is from 0 to 10 % by mole (based on the whole copolymer) and the content of hexane is from 0 to 30 % by mole (based on the whole copolymer).

8. (Amended) The laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 7]claim 1, wherein said ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer has a vinyl acetate content X (% by mole) and a saponification degree Y (%) of a methyl ester satisfy the following relationship:

$$X \times Y/100 \geq 10.0.$$

9. (Amended) The laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 8]claim 1, wherein said ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer has a melt flow rate (200°C, 5 kg-load) of 0.5 to 100 g/10 minutes.

10. (Amended) A tubular member comprising a laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 9]claim 1.

12. (Amended) A container comprising a laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 9]claim 1.

14. (Amended) A film comprising a laminate according to [any one of claims 1 to 9]claim 1.

15. (Amended) A sheet comprising a laminate according to
[any one of claims 1 to 9]claim 1.

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